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5 **AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION**

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10 INVENTION: **AUTHENTICATION OF KEY DEVICES**

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Sir:

15 Applicants amend the above-identified PCT application as follows, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination in the United States National  
Examination Phase.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At the top of each page, please delete "GR 98 P 1347".

**On page 1:**

20 ~~delete lines 1-6 and insert the following:~~

~~A METHOD FOR AUTHENTICATION OF KEY DEVICES~~  
~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~

The invention relates to a method for authenticating key devices using an  
asymmetric encryption method in which each key device is assigned a device  
specific certificate.

25 ~~line 13, delete ", in general,";~~  
~~line 17, delete ",";~~  
~~line 19, delete ","; and~~  
~~line 23, delete ",".~~

30 **On page 2:**

~~line 2, replace "literature" with --above-mentioned--;~~  
~~line 3, delete "mentioned initially";~~

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